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1. PREPARED AS USINFO/EMBASSY REPORT

2. LUSAKA, AUGUST 26 -- ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA
TODAY PRESIDED OVER THE DEDICATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA IN THIS CITY. SHARING THE ROSTRUM
WITH MR. SAM NUJOMA, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH-WEST AFRICAN
PEOPLES ORGANIZATION (SWAPO) AND VISITING DIGNITARIES,
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PRESIDENT KAUNDA VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM WINDHOEK PROPOSING A DECEMBER 31, 1978 INDEPENDENCE DATE FOR NAMIBIA.

3. THE CEREMONY AT THE NEW INSTITUTE ALSO COINCIDED WITH THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF SWAPO'S FIRST ARMED ACTION IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROLLED TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA. IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE INSTITUTE, WHICH NEXT MONTH BEGINS TRAINING ADMINISTRATORS FOR A FUTURE INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA, PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID THE STRUGGLE IN NAMIBIA WILL CONTINUE UNTIL SOUTH AFRICA RELINQUISHES CONTROL OF THE TERRITORY, UNTIL THE TERRITORY ATTAINS INDEPENDENCE AS A UNITARY STATE, AND UNTIL SWAPO "TAKES HER RIGHTFUL PLACE IN NAMIBIA AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA."

4. PRESIDENT KAUNDA CONDEMNED THE RECENT WINDHOEK ANNOUNCEMENT, TERMING IT "A SINISTER ATTEMPT TO INSTALL INTO POWER THOSE NARROW-MINDED PEOPLE AND OPPORTUNISTS WHO DO NOT REPRESENT THE GENUINE INTERESTS OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA."

5. THE ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT SAID THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED "BY THE COLLABORATION WITH RACIST SOUTH AFRICA OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM AND CERTAIN WESTERN GOVERNMENTS." HE STATED "SEVERAL WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNED BILATERAL TREATIES OR AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA WHICH EXTEND TO NAMIBIA" AND CALLED THESE ACTIONS A "MOCKERY" OF THEIR STANDS AT THE UNITED NATIONS "WHICH PURPORT TO FAVOR THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA." HE CALLED ON COUNTRIES PROFESSING SUPPORT FOR NAMIBIA BUT STILL RETAINING LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA "TO DESIST FORTHWITH FROM THEIR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY, CULTURAL AND OTHER FORMS OF COLLABORATION" WITH THAT COUNTRY.

6. PRESIDENT KAUNDA TERMED THE CONFRONTATION NOW TAKING PLACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS "A GRAVE MENACE TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY." HE REMARKED THAT THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM IS "INTIMATELY" LINKED WITH "THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE AND THE END OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA.

7. DURING A DEPARTURE FROM HIS PREPARED TEXT, AND WHILE UNCLASSIFIED

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ASKING GUESTS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO PEOPLE WHO HAD DIED IN THE LIBERATION WAR IN NAMIBIA, PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID "WE WILL STAY WITH SWAPO UNTIL THEY WIN. SWAPO IS GOING TO WIN." ADDRESSING THE LARGE GATHERING OF GUESTS, WHICH INCLUDED MANY DIPLOMATICS, THE ZAMBIAN LEADER REMARKED "IF YOU CAN'T BE MOVED BY PRINCIPLES, PLEASE GET MOVED BY THE FEAR THAT SWAPO IS GOING TO TAKE OVER." HE SAID "THERE IS NOTHING STANDING BETWEEN US AND VICTORY EXCEPT THE NATIONS THAT SUPPORT

THE EVIL REGIME," AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO SOUTH AFRICA. "THEY (SOUTH AFRICA'S SUPPORTERS) ARE RUNNING WITH THE HARES AND HUNTING WITH THE HOUNDS," HE SAID AND ADDED HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND COUNTRIES "THAT COULD HELP BUILD THE INSTITUTE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY SUPPORTING SOUTH AFRICA AT THE U.N./ HE SAID "ZAMBIA TAKES STRONG EXCEPTION TO DOUBLE-DEALERS."

8. SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA DELIVERED A LONG AND BLISTERING ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. HE ALSO SINGLED OUT BY NAME WESTERN COUNTRIES, WHO HE CHARGED WERE ASSISTING SOUTH AFRICA. "IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES⁹ HE SAID, "NAMELY THE USA, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY CONTINUE TO REDOUBLE THEIR MILITARY, FINANCIAL, POLITICAL, AND DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE TO THE VORSTER REGIME WHICH IN TURN BECOMES INCREASINGLY STUBBORN AND AGGRESSIVE CONTINUOUSLY."

9. MR. NUJOMA ALSO ATTACKED THE RECENT PROPOSALS OUT OF WINDHOEK, CALLING THESE AN OBNOXIOUS SCHEME" AND DEVILIST PROJECT." HE SAID THAT THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THE RECENT WINDHOEK DECLARATION IS THAT THE "RACIST REGIME IS IN COLLUSION WITH ITS WESTERN IMPERIALIST ALLIES," AND THAT THE WESTERN COUNTRIES TO SAFEGUARD THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN NAMIBIA HAVE "RESORTED TO AMERICA'S VIETNAMIZATION APPROACH." IT IS THEIR AIM SAID NUJOMA "TO 'AFRICANIZE' THE WAR IN NAMIBIA WHILE THEY CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT AND PLUNDER THE NAMIBIAN NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROTECT THEIR STRATEGIC INTERESTS."

10. THE SWAPO LEADER CHARGED THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S NEW MOVES OVER NAMIBIA ARE BEING TAKEN TO BUY TIME AND EVADE UNITED NATIONS CONTROL, TO BUILD UP ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA
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TO COUNTER SWAPO POWER AND TURN THE TERRITORY INTO A BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND BLACK AFRICA. ALL OF THESE ACTIONS HE CONTENDED ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN MULTINATIONAL MINING COMPANIES WITH VESTED INTERESTS IN NAMIBIA.

11. ALSO ON THE PLATFORM TODAY WAS MR. SEAN MACBRIDE, UNITED NATIONS COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. AFTER READING A MESSAGE TO THE GUESTS FROM U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM WHICH SALUTED THE INAUGURATION OF THE INSTITUTE, MR. MACBRIDE SAID THAT THE "LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA IS IMMINENT."

"IT IS NOW ONLY A QUESTION OF THE DATE AND THE METHOD OF LIBERATION." MR. MACBRIDE CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE U.N. FUND FOR NAMIBIA,

NOTING THAT THE INSTITUTE WILL REQUIRE 17 MILLION DOLS TO
OPERATE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

12. GUIDANCE: PRESIDENT KAUNDA AT NO POINT IN HIS REMARKS
MENTIONED THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES BY NAME.

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